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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCHEDULING PRODUCTION LOTS BASED ON LOT AND TOOL HEALTH"*
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- (1) 25-page patent specification with 41 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-2 on 2 sheets);
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